

# Youth Court Training

**Illinois Center for Violence Prevention  
In partnership with the Office of the Illinois Attorney General  
Announces  
Training for NEW Youth Courts**

The purpose of the training is to provide local organizers (probation, juvenile justice, schools, etc.) with baseline information on developing and implementing youth court programs. The six hour training will present a general overview of issues to consider and guide participants through the decision making process for implementing a youth court program tailored to local needs.

Trainings will be offered on:

**Monday, June 19, 2006  
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Regional Institute for Community Policing  
2930 Montvale Drive Suite B  
Springfield, IL**

**Friday, June 23, 2006  
10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Illinois Center for Violence Prevention  
70 East Lake Street #Suite 720  
Chicago, IL 60601**

Trainings will be limited to twenty-five (25) registrations for each site. Lunch fee is \$10 per person – to be collected on site. No fee for the training.

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Check the ICVP website for registration and additional information.  
[www.icvp.org](http://www.icvp.org) under Recent News

**Content areas for this training are:**

- ❑ Overview of teen court concepts
  - Teen courts alternative approach to the traditional juvenile justice system.
  - Accountable for the offenses
  - Sentencing
    - Community service,
    - Counseling, restitution,
    - And/or an apology to the victim
  - As an effective intervention
  - Opportunities to teach young people valuable life and coping skills
  - Mobilizing a diverse mix of volunteer youth and adults for active and constructive involvement in addressing local problems.
- ❑ Description of two teen court models
  - two models will be discussed by local coordinators
- ❑ Discussion on who are the stakeholders
  - Involving them in the planning process.
- ❑ Overview of legal issues
  - Statutory authority to operate
  - Procedural process
  - Confidentiality
  - Liability
- ❑ Program purpose, goals and objectives
  - How to write the purpose, goals and objectives of your local teen court programs using examples as illustrated below
- ❑ Recruitment, management and training of volunteers
  - Overview of the Coordinator's responsibility to recruitment, manage and training both teens and adults to participate in teen court programs.
- ❑ Financial resources
  - State and local funding – city and county governments
  - Foundations
  - Local organizations
  - School districts
- ❑ Positive youth development
  - What is the role of positive youth development in teen courts
  - Why is it important to educate both adults and teens in the theories of positive youth development when also training on teen courts?
- ❑ Evaluation of programs
  - What types of evaluations are already in place
  - Where to go for assistance in developing an evaluation plan
- ❑ Resources
  - Websites, bibliographies, cities already involved in teen courts and more